

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated December 10, 2009, the Examiner rejected claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,028,082 ("Rosenberg"), or in the alternative rejected claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg. Additionally, claims 1, 3, 5-13, 16, 17, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg in view of U.S. Pat. No. 7,272,629 ("Yamaura") and U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0188399 ("Quarendon"); claims 2, 4, 14, 15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosenberg in view of Yamaura, Quarendon, and U.S. Pat. No. 6,643,621 ("Dodrill"); claims 1, 13, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,567,847 ("Inoue"); and claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Inoue, or in the alternative claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, and March 1, 2010, Examiner Yasin Barqadle and Scott W. Brim discussed the present application. Applicant thanks Examiner Barqadle for the opportunity to discuss this case. No agreement was reached during the discussion of the present application. However, Examiner Barqadle suggested that in order to advance prosecution and distinguish the claims from the presently cited art, Applicant amend claim 1 to include the elements of claim 6 and the functionality described in at least paragraph [0062] of the present application of "the charge is carried out according to . . . which mode is selected as the reproducing quality, and whether additional functions such as the equalizer function and the interpolated data reproduction function are selected." Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 as suggested by the Examiner and cancelled claims 6 and 16-24.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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